

TENBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1962.

TENBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

NAMES OF PARISHESCOUNCILLORS

BAYTON	E. Evans.
BOCKLETON	Miss M.H. Prescott.
EASTHAM	H.J. Spilsbury.
HANLEY	W.C. Merrick.
KNIGHTON ON TEME	J. Batley, J.E. Cooper.
KYRE	H. Brookes.
LINDRIDGE	J.C. Walker, Rev. W. Watson.
MAMBLE	B. Davies.
PENSAX	J.D. Potter.
ROCHFORD	W.G. Maund (Chairman)
STANFORD WITH ORLETON	W. Morris.
STOCKTON	Rev. L.U. Smith.
STOKE BLISS	P. Jones.
	J. Dickinson.
	H. Jones.
TENBURY	G.E.T.H. Maund.
	Dr. J.E.B. Williams.
	H. Higgins.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH	R.W. MARKHAM M.B., B.Chir., D.P.H. Divisional Medical Office, Radford Avenue, Kidderminster (Tel: Kidderminster 5661).
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR	R.B. WEEKS, M.A.P.H.I.
ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR	D. KNIGHT M.A.P.H.I. (Left July). W.H.R. GILLING M.A.P.H.I. (Appointed December).

TENBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

To: The Chairman and Members of Tenbury Rural District Council.

Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for the year 1962.

SECTION A.

Area in acres	31,244.
Registrar General's estimate of resident population mid 1962	5,330.
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1962	1,744.
Rateable value.	£39,841.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£159. 8. 8.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The district comprises fourteen parishes and except for the small market town of Tenbury it is entirely rural in character. Agriculture including fruit and hop growing is the chief industry of the rural area and provides work for most of the population. A large proportion of residents in the Town of Tenbury find work in factories bordering the town.

During the Autumn months the population is increased by fruit and hop pickers, mostly women and children, brought into the district and accommodated in special quarters on the farms. As more hop picking machinery is installed there is a progressive decrease in this seasonal influx of workers from the Black Country. Accommodation in the district was only needed for 96 pickers, employed at 6 farms.

There is a large number of farms and small holdings in the Area. The amount of unemployment varies very little.

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>MALES.</u>	<u>FEMALES.</u>	<u>TOTAL 1962</u>	<u>TOTAL 1961</u>
Legitimate	42	39	81	76
Illegitimate	1	0	1	1
TOTAL	43	39	82	77

Birth rate per 1,000 of the
estimated population

14.5

Birth rate for England and Wales

18.0

17.4

STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate
Illegitimate

2

0

DEATHS

65 81

Crude death rate per 1,000 of the
estimated resident population

10.9

12.3

Death rate for England and Wales

11.9

12.0

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Puerperal Sepsis

0

0

Other puerperal causes

0

0

INFANT MORTALITY

Under one year of age.

1

3

4

1

Under 4 weeks

1

2

3

1

Under 1 week

1

2

3

1

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS

Under one year of age:-

12.2

13.0

All Infants per 1,000 live births

Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales

20.7
TOTAL21.4
TOTAL

Deaths from Cancer (All ages)

4

5

9

16

Deaths from Measles (All ages)

0

0

0

0

Deaths from Whooping Cough (All ages)

0

0

0

0

Deaths from Diarrhoea (All ages)

0

0

0

0



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<u>REF. NO.</u>	<u>CAUSES OF DEATH</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	0
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	2
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	2
14.	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	2	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	3
18.	Coronary disease, angina	2	3
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	1	1
20.	Other heart disease	2	2
21.	Other circulatory disease	1	6
23.	Pneumonia	0	1
24.	Bronchitis	4.	0
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	0	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	0
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	2	0
31.	Congenital malformations	1	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	3
34.	All other accidents	0	2
35.	Suicide	1	1
		<u>29</u>	<u>29</u>

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

In carrying out my duties as Medical Officer of Health for the Area, I have the assistance and co-operation of Mr. R.B. Weeks as Public Health Inspector and Mr. W.R.H. Gilling who succeeded Mr. D. Knight during the year.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The Ambulance Service is the responsibility of the Worcestershire County Council as Local Health Authority. The ambulance is stationed at Tenbury and manned part time. A system of wireless control based on Worcester, (Headquarters in County Medical Officers Dept.) was introduced in September.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The County Council laboratory at Worcester undertakes the examination of producer samples of food, milk and water. The remaining bacteriological and pathological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Worcester Royal Infirmary.

HOSPITALS

The Tenbury Hospital is quite close to the town, and though being in the parish of Burford, Shropshire, it received cases chiefly from the town and district of Tenbury. It is very well equipped.

The Blakebrook Hospital/General Hospital, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster, is also available and for maternity cases accommodation is provided in three maternity hospitals.

For infectious diseases the Worcester Isolation Hospital is chiefly used and Hayley Green Hospital is also available.

All hospitals are the responsibility of the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board.

Following the publication of the "Hospital Plan" discussions were held with the Regional Hospital Board about the suggested closure of Tenbury and an assurance obtained that this was not contemplated for at least 15 years.

TUBERCULOSIS

Dispensary and Sanatorium treatment is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. The nearest hospital dispensaries at Kidderminster General Hospital and Worcester. Knightwick sanatorium closed during the year.

The Local Health Authority is responsible for prevention and after-care and the administration is assisted by the Divisional After-care Sub-Committee.

VENEREAL DISEASE

Treatment and supervision is arranged at the nearest hospital centre i.e., Kidderminster General Hospital and Worcester Royal Infirmary.

NURSING IN THE HOME

There are three District Nurses in the area who also act as midwives and carry out the duties of Health Visitors. Their work is so appointed as to cover the entire area.

The administration of these services is the responsibility of the Local Health Authority.

SECTION C.SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREAWATER

After more than two years negotiations the newly formed North West Worcestershire Water Board took over the supply to those areas where mains are installed as from the 1st October. However, the Rural Water Scheme Part II (serving the main part of the district south of the Teme) was not yet complete.

The Scheme to improve the supply to the Town, Berrington, St. Michael's and parts of Old Wood has now been approved and is likely to be carried out under the supervision of the Water Board.

The Council accept in principle that fluoridation should be carried out.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The revised sewerage scheme for the Town of Tenbury will be submitted to the Minister when further sewage flow readings and estimates of the Horns Slaughterhouse effluent are available.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The only serious pollution known to be occurring is that of the River Teme and Kyre Brook at Tenbury which still receive untreated sewage from the town. This situation will remain unchanged until the town sewerage scheme is built and working satisfactorily.

SCHOOLS

The sanitary conditions at Lindridge School have not yet been improved as part of the rebuilding proposal. It is hoped that no further delay will occur.

Bockleton School has now been closed.

SECTION D.HOUSING

No new Council houses were completed during the year. The six bungalows and three units for Old People were started in 1961 and poor progress was made during the year owing to labour difficulties.

SECTION E.INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk supply.

2., Meat and other foods (see report of Public Health Inspector.)

No outbreak of food poisoning occurred during the year.

SECTION F.PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year I received Notifications of the following cases:-

	<u>CASES</u>	<u>ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Measles	4	Nil	Nil
Erysipelas	1	Nil	Nil

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

Number Vaccinated - 145

Number re-vaccinated - 168

